WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A computer implemented method of managing a client
- profile, said method comprising:
- 3 sending a client request to a computing device, the
- 4 client request including a request for master profile
- 5 information;
- 6 receiving the master profile information from the
- 7 computing device, wherein the master profile
- 8 information corresponds to a master profile and
- 9 includes a master profile location; and
- 10 retrieving the master profile using the master profile
- 11 location.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- 2 matching the master profile information with an
- 3 existing profile;
- 4 determining whether to perform the retrieving based
- 5 upon the matching; and
- 6 performing the retrieving in response to the
- 7 determination.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the matching further
- 2 comprises:
- 3 retrieving a revision time corresponding to the
- 4 existing profile; and
- 5 comparing the revision time with a master profile
- 6 revision time that corresponds to the master profile.

- 1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- 2 determining whether to automatically retrieve the
- 3 master profile;
- 4 retrieving the master profile in response to the
- 5 determination;
- 6 detecting whether to notify a user of the master file
- 7 retrieval; and
- 8 notifying the user in response to the detecting.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 further comprising:
- 2 querying the user in response to the determination as
- 3 to whether to retrieve the master profile;
- 4 receiving a response from the user in response to the
- 5 query;
- 6 identifying whether to retrieve the master profile
- 5 based upon the response; and
- 8 performing the retrieving in response to the
- 9 identifying.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the computing device is
- 2 adapted to identify the master profile information
- 3 using client properties included in the client
- 4 request, wherein the client properties are selected
- from the group consisting of a client location and a
- 6 user functionality description.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the computing device is
- 2 adapted to use authorization information included in

3		the client request in order to determine whether to send the master profile information.
1 2	8.	An information handling system comprising: one or more processors;
3		a memory accessible by the processors;
4 5		one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by the processors; and
6		a client profile management tool for managing client
7		profiles, the client profile management tool
8		comprising software code effective to:
9		send a client request to a computing device,
10		the client request including a request for
11		master profile information;
12		receive the master profile information from
13		the computing device, wherein the master
14		profile information corresponds to a master
15		profile and includes a master profile
16		location corresponding to one of the
17		nonvolatile storage devices; and
18		retrieve the master profile from one of the
19		nonvolatile storage devices using the master

- 9. The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the
 2 software code is further effective to:
 3 match the master profile information with an existing
- 4 profile that is located in one of the nonvolatile

profile location.

5 storage devices;

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- 6 determine whether to retrieve the master profile from
- 7 one of the nonvolatile storage devices based upon the
- 8 matching; and
- 9 perform the retrieving from one of the nonvolatile
- storage devices in response to the determination.
- 1 10. The information handling system of claim 9 wherein the
- 2 software code is further effective to:
- 3 retrieve a revision time from one of the nonvolatile
- 4 storage devices corresponding to the existing profile;
- 5 and
- 6 compare the revision time with a master profile
- 7 revision time that corresponds to the master profile.
- 1 11. The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the
- 2 software code is further effective to:
- 3 determine whether to automatically retrieve the master
- 4 profile from one of the nonvolatile storage devices;
- 5 retrieve the master profile from one of the
- 6 nonvolatile storage devices in response to the
- 7 determination;
- 8 detect whether to notify a user of the master file
- 9 retrieval; and
- notify the user in response to the detecting.
- 1 12. The information handling system of claim 11 wherein
- 2 the software code is further effective to:
- 3 query the user in response to the determination as to
- 4 whether to retrieve the master profile;

- 5 receive a response from the user in response to the
- 6 query;
- 7 identify whether to retrieve the master profile based
- 8 upon the response; and
- 9 perform the retrieving in response to the identifying.
- 1 13. The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the
- 2 computing device is adapted to identify the master
- 3 profile information using client properties included
- 4 in the client request, wherein the client properties
- 5 are selected from the group consisting of a client
- 6 location and a user functionality description.
- 1 14. A computer program product stored on a computer
- 2 operable media for managing client profiles, said
- 3 computer program product comprising software code
- 4 effective to:
- 5 send a client request to a computing device, the
- 6 client request including a request for master profile
- 7 information;
- 8 receive the master profile information from the
- 9 computing device, wherein the master profile
- 10 information corresponds to a master profile and
- 11 includes a master profile location; and
- 12 retrieve the master profile using the master profile
- 13 location.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 14 including
- 2 software code further effective to:

- 3 match the master profile information with an existing
- 4 profile;
- 5 determine whether to perform the retrieving based upon
- 6 the matching; and
- 7 perform the retrieving in response to the
- 8 determination.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15 including
- 2 software code further effective to:
- 3 retrieve a revision time corresponding to the existing
- 4 profile; and
- 5 compare the revision time with a master profile
- 6 revision time that corresponds to the master profile.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 14 including
- 2 software code further effective to:
- 3 determine whether to automatically retrieve the master
- 4 profile;
- 5 retrieve the master profile in response to the
- 6 determination;
- 7 detect whether to notify a user of the master file
- 8 retrieval; and
- 9 notify the user in response to the detecting.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 17 including
- 2 software code further effective to:
- query the user in response to the determination as to
- 4 whether to retrieve the master profile;

- 5 receive a response from the user in response to the
- 6 query;
- 7 identify whether to retrieve the master profile based
- 8 upon the response; and
- 9 perform the retrieving in response to the identifying.
- 1 19. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the
- 2 computing device is adapted to identify the master
- 3 profile information using client properties included
- 4 in the client request, wherein the client properties
- 5 are selected from the group consisting of a client
- 6 location and a user functionality description.
- 1 20. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the
- .2 computing device is adapted to use authorization
- 3 information included in the client request in order to
- 4 determine whether to send the master profile
- 5 information.